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In re Application of:)
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TRANSPORTING CARGO)
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected independent claims 1, 6, and 13 as being anticipated by the Chou et al. reference. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 defines the invention as a computerized system for selecting a cargo carrier and arranging transportation for cargo. A host computer system has access to data of each of a plurality of cargo carriers, wherein the data represents cargo transportation options available from each of the cargo carriers. Internet access means is provided for connecting the host computer system to a user. A means is provided in the host computer system for prompting the user for and receiving from the user information concerning cargo to be transported and transportation preferences. The means in the host computer system compares the user